

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
February 3, 2017**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel
Thomas Nickel

Excused: Dan Hilbert

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Russ Kotke, Dodge County Chairman; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; and Lynn Steger, Register in Probate.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Nickel to approve Minutes of January 6, 2017; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Announcements: None.

Committee Member Reports: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: None.

Child Support Report: None

Clerk of Courts Report: None

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg distributes a 2016 Case Report Summary. The Summary shows that there were 573 criminal traffic cases filed in 2016; the 15-year average is 565; there were 463 criminal misdemeanor cases filed in 2016, these include battery, disorderly contact, worthless check cases. Number is below the 15-year average because at one time 240-260 worthless check cases were filed, however, not nearly as many people write checks anymore, so worthless check charges have gone down which drives the total numbers down. The 2016 Criminal Felony cases were 441; this is up over the 15-year average of 425. DA Klomberg explains how various cases are charged by the DA's office. He is extremely

concerned about the drug-type cases and indicates that the methamphetamine population is growing not only here but nationally. Meth is a drug that causes individuals to be more likely to fight, etc. which causes a threat to the population and to the officers. Klomberg mentions the bail jumping cases and explains what type of actions lead to "bail jumping"; this is a common charge. Klomberg notes that they have the tools and the information from the Protect System to become better informed and more efficient and he would like to see a paralegal dive into these statistics. The next portion of the handout deals with the days that it takes to make a charge decision once they have received a case. His office has an aggressive goal of under 30 days. He notes that the average of all cases is 18.52 days; he goes on to explain the breakdown of the various case types. Klomberg notes the OWI's and how they took 8.34 days back in 2007 and now they take 20.13 days. That is because they have changed the way they do business since 2007.

Klomberg explains how the referrals to the DA's office work and how the investigative techniques have improved over the past 10 years. It is also beneficial to have good relationships with law enforcement.

Klomberg states that the DA's office has become much more efficient; they are still short over 2 attorneys by the State of WI analysis. He notes that the numbers do not show the complexity of the cases (i.e., cell phone analysis, drug analysis, etc.) and they do need more ADA's who can work on these new types of issues.

Klomberg discusses that the average lengths of time prosecutors stay in DA offices is 4 to 5 years; he states the years of service that his assistant DA's have and notes that it will not be long before some of them leave/retire and then all that experience will be gone. Bob Barrington notes the changes in the cases; they are not closed anymore once someone is sentenced because now there are treatment courts, etc. that keep the cases active. Klomberg notes that he does not believe he will get any more ADA's but that they need to be good stewards and leave politics out. He thanks the County and appreciates the backing of the Board and Administration.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt distributes the January operational update that includes the calls for services report; they had a very busy January.

There is a discussion regarding the prison cases due to the number of prisons in Dodge County. There is an increase in violent prison cases.

Schmidt announces that Trace Frost will retire as of April 3rd. He started in 1998.

Schmidt notes that the Explorer Parent's Night has been changed to February 13th.

Scott Smith describes the two budgeted capital items purchased from the 2017 budget in January; #1 - live scan fingerprint; and #2 - walk through metal detector. He notes that they could use two walk through metal detectors, but are getting one really good one; he describes the metal detector capabilities.

Resolution for payment of Spillman maintenance through Dodge County Sales Tax was presented by Sheriff Schmidt. He informed the Committee how the idea came about. Schmidt states that he will have 280 computer contracts and they have developed a plan to pay the

\$29,400 maintenance fee out of sales tax. He states that Beaver Dam and Theresa are the only holdouts. Schraufnagel moves to approve the Resolution for payment of Spillman maintenance through Dodge County sales tax; second by Nickel. Discussion held. Three members are in favor of the Resolution; one member is opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution to carry over 2016 funds to 2017 Sheriff Budget for Security Electronics Project. Smith notes that the project for improving the security systems in the Jail and Courthouse should be wrapped up by April. Nickel moves to carry over 2016 funds to 2017 Sheriff Budget for Security Electronics Project; second by Schraufnagel. No discussion. All members in favor of Resolution. Motion carried.

Resolution to change part-time clerical support position from less than 20 hours to more than 20 hours. Smith describes the position change for Karen Engles. They want to make the position more than 20 hours because they need her to do more; she currently helps with the jail transport work. Bischoff moves to change part-time clerical support position from less than 20 hours to more than 20 hours; second by Schraufnagel. Discussion. All members in favor of Resolution. Motion carried.

Chairperson Miller indicates that they will lay over to next month the possible Committee name change. She distributes suggestions for new names.

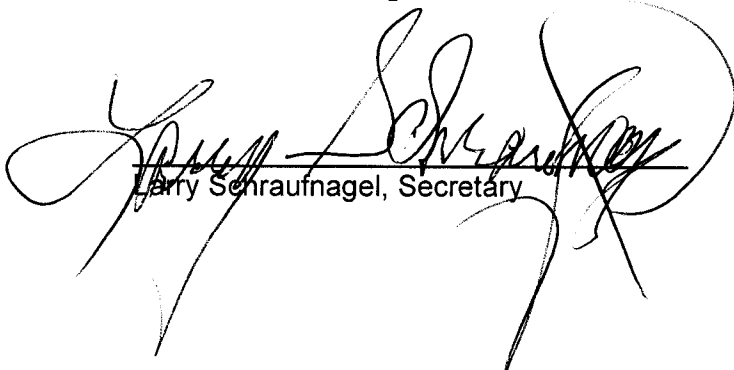
Other business: None.

Informational Presentation: Regarding the informational presentation, Schmidt indicates that there was a miscommunication with Deputy Kevin Harvancik and he requests to have the Project Lifesaver Program moved to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 3, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Nickel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.



Larry Schraufnagel, Secretary



Lynn Steger, Recording Secretary